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## The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization

- encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government,
- works to increase understanding of major public policy issues and
- influences public policy through education and advocacy.



## LWV of Corvallis Annual Meeting

Wednesday, May 24, 6-8:30 PM

Corvallis-Benton County Public Library

645 NW Monroe Avenue, Corvallis

Join other LWV members for a delectable dinner, followed by our annual business meeting and **Lorena Reynolds, speaking on "Empowering Women as Leaders"**

Ms. Reynolds is a local attorney who specializes in family law and victims' rights. She is a primary organizer of an upcoming conference: "We Are the Changemakers: A Conference for Women and Their Allies," which is planned for October 1<sup>st</sup> at OSU. We look forward to hearing more details at our annual meeting.

In 2006 Ms. Reynolds received the Mary Zelinka Advocate for Social Justice Award; in 2010 she was given the OSU Woman of Achievement Award; and in 2014 the Corvallis Chamber of Commerce gave her the Junior First Citizen Award for her dedication to ending domestic and sexual violence.

In addition to telling us about the conference, Ms. Reynolds will share her personal perspective of the challenges and rewards of being a young professional woman, and what we can do individually and as an organization to encourage younger women to assume leadership positions.

**Annual Meeting information, pp. 4-5. Send Dinner Reservation by May 18<sup>th</sup>, p. 7.**



## Oregon's Climate Change Policy

Tuesday, May 2, 7 PM

Corvallis-Benton County Public Library

645 NW Monroe Avenue

Guest Speakers:

Shilpa Joshi, Renew Oregon

Trish Weber, Oregon Climate Test Campaign

Learn about current climate policy legislation

Will Legislators Put a Price on Greenhouse Gas Emissions?

How Can the LWV and Its Members Help?



## President's Corner – Laura Lahm Evenson

May brings us to the end of our program year. I would like to thank everyone who has worked to develop the great programs we have presented this year, the committees that work hard on our behalf, those who have testified or written testimony at both local and state levels, and the unsung members who work behind the scenes to make us effective. One of whom is Beth Thoennes, who finishes an eight-year stint editing this bulletin. Cathy

Frischmann now steps up to the plate – give her a hand!

Our committees do the hard work of the League and are always looking for new members. Don't feel bashful, attend their next meeting!

**Housing** has published a report *"Homelessness In Corvallis-Exploring the Numbers, Evaluating the Beliefs"*. You can find a link to this excellent report on our website.

**Voter Service** held two informative public meetings this month, one with School Board Candidates and one on ballot measures.

**Community Planning** gave testimony to the City Council supporting the draft amendments to the Land Development Code. They also gave comments at a Council Work Session regarding adoption of the Buildable Lands Inventory.

**Climate Change** will present a program on May 2<sup>nd</sup> focusing on climate legislation in Salem.

**Our annual meeting** is both a social and a business meeting. We will have a scrumptious dinner provided by Valley Catering, followed by our annual business meeting and program. Our speaker, Lorena Reynolds, is organizing a women's leadership conference to be held at OSU in the fall. She has an impressive resume and a reputation as an inspiring speaker.

We hope to see **YOU** there! If you want to carpool or need a ride please sent me a message or phone call.

**Don't forget to vote...**ballots are due on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Were you there?** If you attended the LWV Candidates Forum on April 19<sup>th</sup> you met these candidates for the 509J School Board. *Top:* Sami Al-AbdRabbuh, Al Hutchinson, Vincent Adams,



Terese Jones, Jay Conroy. *Bottom:* Ed Junkins, Carlos M. Lopez, Andy Roberts, Gerry Kosanovic, Kenneth RunningCrane-Real, Sarah Finger McDonald



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## LWV of Oregon Convention, May 5-7, 2017 Holiday Inn, Portland South/Wilsonville Oregon

LWV of Oregon's biennial Convention starts with registration at 3:30 PM on Friday, May 5. The Convention opens at 8:00 AM on Saturday, May 6 and ends at 12:30 PM on Sunday, May 7. The LWV of Corvallis is entitled to several delegates, and any League member may attend as a non-voting observer. Contact Laura Lahm Evenson, if you're interested in attending, [evensonlahm@gmail.com](mailto:evensonlahm@gmail.com).

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This is the newsletter of the League of Women Voters of Corvallis which is produced nine or ten times a year.

Contact Beth Thoennes or Louise Marquering with your suggestions, submissions, comments, or story ideas. We welcome your input.

*Submissions are due* no later than the 15th of the month.

*Members subscribe* through their dues. Membership in the League of Women Voters of Corvallis is open to men and women of all ages and includes membership in the League of Women Voters of Oregon and the League of Women Voters of the United States.



## Legislature 2017 Town Hall Meetings

Saturday, May 6, June 10, from 10–11:30 AM

Corvallis-Benton County Public Library

The League of Women Voters of Corvallis, in partnership with the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, invites you to meet your state legislators, hear about their work, and ask questions. Area legislators invited to participate are: Representative Andy Olsen, Representative Dan Rayfield, Representative Mike Nearman, and Senator Sara Gelser.



## May 16, 2017 Special Election Information and Dates

**May 11, 2017** Last day to mail ballots

**May 16, 2017** Election day. Completed ballots must be RECEIVED by 8:00 PM. **Postmarks do**

**not count. Deposit your ballot in** any official ballot dropsite in Oregon **or mail by May 11.**

**Check ballot status and voter registration status**

**at:** [www.oregonvotes.gov](http://www.oregonvotes.gov)

Benton County Elections & Passports 541-766-6756. Email [elections@co.benton.or.us](mailto:elections@co.benton.or.us)



## Community Planning Update

In April, the Corvallis City Council passed an amendment to the Land Development Code that will help the public prepare testimony for public

hearings on large development proposals.

The amendment requires pre-notification be sent out to neighbors and other interested parties when a development application that will require a public hearing has been submitted and the review by City planners begins.

Prior to this amendment, notice was sent when the application was complete. This meant that interested parties often had less than a week to review hundreds of pages of information before the hearing. In spite of the fact that an application may change significantly during the review

process, the pre-notification provides a chance to follow its progress and ask questions of city staff.

A number of annexation and development applications are currently being reviewed by the City Planning staff. In addition, more Land Development Code changes, and a draft Buildable Land Inventory will be proposed. If these meet League's principles and are in line with our positions, we will support them ([lwv.corvallis.or.us/about/where-we-stand/](http://lwv.corvallis.or.us/about/where-we-stand/)). The League's Community Planning Committee welcomes new members to help follow these proposals. Please email committee chair, Shelly Murphy, if you would like to help, [shellym@peak.org](mailto:shellym@peak.org).

– *Shelly Murphy, Community Planning Committee Chair*



## Housing Committee Report

The committee continues its work on System Development Charges (SDCs) and attending the Housing and Community Development

Advisory Board meetings. The chair of our committee also sits on the Governing Board of the Housing Opportunities Action Council (HOAC) and regularly attends those meetings, as does Judy Ball.

The committee met with Jim Moorefield, Executive Director of Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services, to hear more about funding issues and affordable housing and where he thought we could have the greatest impact. Several things emerged from the meeting:

1. A waiver of SDCs, especially on Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), could increase the affordable housing stock in Corvallis particularly. It is, however, only one of many tools.
2. We need to follow the city process to ensure that the greater percent of the Construction Excise Tax goes to affordable housing.
3. We need to monitor federal tax changes that would result in fewer dollars going toward housing.

The next steps for the committee are to set the course for the remainder of the year. We will do more investigation of SDCs, ADUs – both owner occupied and non-owner occupied as well as tiny homes.

– *Karyle Butcher, Housing Committee Chair*



## Agenda of the 2017 Business Meeting

Laura Lahm Evenson, President



Call to Order  
 Welcome and Introductions  
 Review of the Year  
 Introduction of Parliamentarian  
 Appointment of Committee to Review Minutes  
 Quorum Determination  
 Adoption of Agenda  
   Treasurer's Report  
   Presentation of the Proposed Program  
   Recommendation for the 2016-2017 Program  
   Presentation of the Budget  
   Discussion and Adoption of Program  
   Discussion and Adoption of the Budget  
   Report of Nominating Committee  
   Election of Board Members  
 Recognition  
 Directions to the Board from Members  
 Announcements  
 Adjournment

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### Nominating Committee Report

The following candidates are offered for election by the Nominating Committee of the League of Women Voters of Corvallis. — *Annette Mills, Shelly Murphy, Marolyn Tarrant, Doris Waring, Mary Youmans (Chair)*

#### Nominees for two-year term, 2017-2019

*President* Laura Lahm Evenson

*1<sup>st</sup> Vice President* Annette Mills

*Directors* Karyle Butcher, Camille Freitag,  
Cathy Frischmann

#### Nominees for a one-year term, 2017-2018

*Secretary* Ann Brodie

*Director* Bouquet Harger

*Nominating Committee* Marolyn Tarrant, Doris Waring,  
Mary Youmans (chair)

### Continuing their 2016-2018 terms

*2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President* Paula Krane

*Treasurer* Sara Ingle

*Directors* Claudia Keith, Marsha Feldman

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### Recommended Program, 2017-2018

With input from the membership at January's Program Planning Meeting, the Board of the League of Women Voters of Corvallis recommends that we restudy of our Housing position—i.e., review the position in order to potentially change it, and consider a study on Financing Local Government. The Board also recommends that we retain all other positions for 2017-18.

At Risk Youth	Corrections	Know Your Schools
Benton County Charter	Financing the Public Library	Local Food
Child Care in Benton County	Health Services in Benton County	Prevention of Violence
Community Planning	Housing	Special Taxing Districts

— *Annette Mills, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Program*

## Proposed Budget, 2017-2018

Again, the Budget Committee recommends no increases in membership dues. This budget relies heavily on members making donations to the League of Women Voters of Oregon and to the LWV of the U.S. Education Fund. These donations offset the Corvallis League's per member payments to LWVOR and LWVUS. The 27% increase in net income from grapefruit sales helped program promotion and our budget relies on this fundraising.

– Budget Committee: Cathy Frischmann (Chair), Sara Ingle, Louise Marquering

	2016-2017 ACTUAL	2016-2017 BUDGET	2017-2018 PROPOSED BUDGET
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Annual dinner	\$ 664.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 700.00
Non-Member Contributions	1,360.00	700.00	700.00
Grapefruit Receipts	12,829.15	11,400.00	13,000.00
Interest	101.01	135.00	100.00
Member Contributions	1,295.00	500.00	1,300.00
Membership Dues	7,226.64	6,500.00	7,020.00
Thrift Shop, sale of LWV Merchandise	46.53	100.00	50.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$23,522.33</b>	<b>\$19,935.00</b>	<b>\$22,870.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
Program PR	\$ 193.10	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Action	621.54	1,000.00	1,000.00
Events offset by receipts	738.35	675.00	\$ 775.00
Grapefruit Expense	8,630.75	7,000.00	9,000.00
LWVOR Per Member Payment credit	(1,231.29)	(625.00)	(1,250.00)
LWVOR Per Member Payment	3,225.38	3,123.00	3,569.00
LWVUS Education Fund Per Member Payment Credit	(840.25)	(1,303.00)	(850.00)
LWVUS Per Member Payment	3,392.00	3,331.00	3,803.00
Bulletin Postage/Printing	1,395.54	1,500.00	1,550.00
Website, e-communications	659.76	450.00	450.00
PO Box, Permit, Corp.	392.00	400.00	400.00
President, treasurer, secretary, board	4.00	100.00	123.00
Program PR, committee material	413.07	400.00	400.00
National Convention	3,477.91	1,700.00	1,700.00
State Convention/Council	720.57	1,000.00	1,000.00
Voter Education	27.65		0.00
Membership development	10.50	34.00	50.00
Insurance	0.00	750.00	750.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$21,830.58</b>	<b>\$19,935.00</b>	<b>\$22,870.00</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b> <i>(from unrestricted funds)</i>	<b>\$ 1,691.75</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
Income from Restricted Funds	(464.13)		
<b>Total Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 1,227.62</b>		

## LWV of Corvallis Supports Benton County Extension and 4-H Service District Ballot Measure 2-106

### From Benton County Voters Pamphlet:

**Summary:** If approved, District would serve Benton County in cooperation with Oregon State University Extension Service. The District's purpose would be to provide educational services for a diverse economy by fostering healthy youth and families, agriculture and forestry businesses, and sustainable communities and natural resources, including:

- **Volunteer programs:** 4-H clubs, school enrichment, Wildlife Stewards, camps, Master Gardener, Master Woodland Manager, Master Food Preserver, food safety, nutrition.
- **Research-based information** for farmers, family forest owners, Christmas tree growers to address production, pests and conservation challenges.
- **Small farm development** for food supply, community and school gardens, farmers markets and agritourism.
- **Natural resource management education** supporting city and rural communities.

Declining federal and state resources have reduced services throughout Benton County. The District would implement a maximum tax rate of \$0.08/\$1,000 assessed value to fund Extension programs. A home assessed at \$200,000 would pay approximately \$16 per year.

The Benton County Board of Commissioners would govern the District with input from citizen advisory committees and Benton Extension. The annual budget and audit would be available to the public.

**Explanatory Statement:** If approved, Benton County Extension and 4-H Service District would be created encompassing all of Benton County. The District's purpose would be to provide educational services for a diverse economy by fostering healthy

youth and families, agriculture and forestry businesses, and sustainable communities and natural resources.

**Current Programs, Leverage** Each year, Extension serves 47,000 Benton County residents and supports 450 trained volunteers who provide more than 50,000 hours per year valued at over 1 million dollars. Every \$1 of county funds leverages \$6 in federal, state, grants and volunteer value.

*Examples of programs include:*

- 4-H – Engaging more than 3,350 youth in clubs, camps, school programs and community service activities, as well as training and supporting more than 250 volunteers.
- Master Gardeners – Training and supporting 120 volunteers who provide more than 12,000 hours of sustainable gardening education, information and demonstrations to over 2,000 adults and youth
- Agriculture and Forestry – Providing research-based and technical assistance to family farmers, forest owners, orchard, wine grape and Christmas tree growers, and agriculture professionals to increase productivity and profitability while decreasing environmental impacts.
- Master Woodland Managers – Training volunteers who help family forest owners with sustainable management and economic viability of their woodlands.
- Nutrition – Teaching nutrition and healthy living classes to 15,000 youth and adults annually.
- Master Food Preserver – Training volunteers to provide current science-based food preparation, preservation and safety practices to the public.

**Rationale, Cost** Declining federal and state resources have reduced local services. Establishing the District would enhance youth, family, agriculture, forestry, natural resources, economy and community development services

throughout Benton County. The District would implement a maximum tax rate of \$0.08 per \$1,000 assessed value to fund Benton Extension programs. A home assessed at \$200,000 would pay approximately \$16 per year. Money raised by the District could only be used for Benton Extension services and not other county activities.

**Future Programs** Funding would allow Benton Extension to continue to reach new people throughout the county with educational services:

- 4-H - Increase the number of youth involved in workforce and life-skill development activities by continuing to train volunteers, establish new clubs, and expand camps, school programs and outreach efforts countywide.
- Expand the number of Master Gardener volunteer services at garden clinics, community gardens and youth education programs.
- Assist small farms to develop new products for local markets, jobs and agritourism opportunities.
- Invest in new research, technology and management support related to sustainable production and environmental practices for new and existing diverse family farmers, forest owners and ranchers.
- Provide well water, septic system and groundwater education to protect drinking water and streams in city and rural areas.
- Increase food nutrition, safety and preservation, healthy living, chronic disease prevention, and financial management skills for people of all ages.

**District Governance** The County Board of Commissioners would govern the District with input from citizen advisory committees, Benton Extension staff and volunteers. The annual budget and audit would be available to the public. *(Submitted by Benton County)*



### Reserve Dinner for LWV of Corvallis Annual Meeting, May 24

Please clip this form and return it with your check for \$16.00 by May 18

Mail check to: LWVC Annual Dinner, c/o Louise Marquering, 1640 NW Woodland Drive, Corvallis 97330-1742

The reliably delectable menu will be provided by Valley Catering.

Compostable utensils and dishes provided by EcNow Tech

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to attend the LWV Annual Meeting, May 24<sup>th</sup>     I would like a ride     I can offer someone a ride

### Corvallis School District 509J Candidates

**Director, Position 1, 4-year term**  
Sami Al-AbdRabbuh, Brandy Barrett, Al Hutchinson

**Director, Position 4, 4-year term**  
Vincent Adams, Michael De Salvo

**Director, Position 5, 4-year term**  
Terese Jones, Jay Conroy

**Director, Position 6, 2-year unexpired term**  
Ed Junkins, Carlos M. Lopez, Andy Roberts

**Director, Position 7, 2-year unexpired term**  
Gerry Kosanovic, Kenneth RunningCrane-Real,  
Sarah Finger McDonald

<https://www.co.benton.or.us/elections/page/may-16-2017-special-election-candidates>

### Candidates for LBCC Board of Directors

**Director, Zone 2-3(A)**, 4-year term - James Merryman  
**Director, Zone 5**, 4-year term - Charles R. Nelson, Linda Modrell

**Director, Zone 6-7(A)**, 4-year term - Mike Duncan, Randy Camp  
For more information, contact Linn County 541-967-3831.

### Ballot Measures

**Benton County:** 2-106 Establish Benton County Extension and 4-H Service District

**City of Corvallis:** 2-108 Charter Amendment Restricting Sale of Parks and Natural Areas

### Bob Frenkel Memorial

Liz, Stephen, and Ann Frenkel invite you to a memorial gathering on Saturday, May 6, at 1:30 PM, for Bob Frenkel, who died February 20<sup>th</sup>. It will be at the Unitarian Fellowship of Corvallis, 2945 NW Circle Blvd, Corvallis. Bob and his wife Liz have been active League members for many years.

There will be a reception in the Fellowship's social hall from about 2:30-3:30, after the formal sharing—join us or send along a memory. We welcome all who knew Bob (so feel free to share this invitation). You can also send a note with your memory of Bob to his family:

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**Climate Legislative Advocacy**  
**May 2, 7 PM - Library**



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## LWV Calendar

### May

- Tue 2 Climate Legislative Advocacy 7 PM,  
Library
- Fri-Sun 5-7 LWVOR Convention Holiday Inn,  
Wilsonville
- Sat 6 Legislative Town Hall 10-11:30 AM,  
Library
- Tue 16 Special Election Ballots due by 8 PM  
Board Meeting 12:30-2:30 PM
- Wed 24 Annual Meeting & Dinner 6-8:30 PM,  
Library

### June

- Fri-Mon 22-25 LWVUS Council, Leesburg,  
Virginia

## Join the League of Women Voters!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address City, Zip+4 digits \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ \$60 individual membership \_\_\_\_ \$90 household

\_\_\_\_ \$30 student \_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_ Contribution\*

\_\_\_\_ Dues assistance information to help you join the  
League of Women Voters

I would like to be considered:

Active \_\_\_\_ Inactive Member / Supporter \_\_\_\_

I first joined the League in \_\_\_\_ (year) \_\_\_\_\_ (place).

What special skills/talents/interests can you share with League?

\_\_\_\_\_

LWV's membership year begins October 1. *Half-year dues for new members are charged from April through September - \$30/\$45/\$15*  
Make checks payable to the LWV of Corvallis and mail to:

LWV of Corvallis, Attn: Membership  
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\* Regular dues are not tax-deductible BUT contributions to LWVOR or the LWVUS Education Fund, paid with a separate check, are deductible.